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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Applications of AT&T, Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65)*

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile corporations is currently under review by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Department of Justice. Congressional committees are also working to provide oversight over the process and to ensure that lawmakers and members of the public understand the effect of the merger on consumers and the economy.

As the unified voice of 6,800 businesses, trade associations and local chambers, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce is committed to pursuing private sector solutions that will create conditions favorable to job creation and business growth in our state. The technological advancements that have occurred in the telecommunications industry over the last decade demonstrate the power of private sector investment and entrepreneurship to transform society and improve our quality of life.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce believes the AT&T/T-Mobile merger will serve the interests of businesses and consumers in our state. If approved, the merger would allow for more efficient use of spectrum capacity and facilitate private-sector investment in infrastructure that would expand the reach of broadband services. In addition, the merger will enable the companies to work together to provide an additional 55 million Americans with access to the next generation of telecommunications tools, including AT&T's groundbreaking 4th generation wireless technology.

We believe that the AT&T and T-Mobile merger will have a positive effect on the market by reducing inefficiencies, expanding the range of broadband services, and providing millions of consumers with access to high-tech broadband options that are not currently available to them. The merger will also benefit Michigan's economy by freeing up network capacity for use by businesses and consumers, and by providing billions in new infrastructure investments that will create good paying jobs in the telecommunications industry.

To stay competitive in today's economy, businesses and consumers need to stay connected. The AT&T/T-Mobile merger will strengthen the nation's telecommunications system and increase the range of options available to businesses and consumers. Therefore, we urge you to support the merger and work with your colleagues and the administration to secure its approval.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Studley
President and CEO